

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

John Kirincich, Treasurer Georgia Federal Elections Committee 1100 Spring Street, Suite 710 Atlanta, GA 30309

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Reference:

12 Day Pre-General Report (10/01/00-10/18/00)

Dear Mr. Kirincich:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an impermissible contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memoentries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period

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during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$162,159.29 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$46,648.54 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

- -Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "consulting fees". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).
- -Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to Win 2000-Federal. Please clarify whether this is a federal committee(s), as there does not appear to be a committee(s) registered with the Commission under this name(s). In the event this is a non-federal committee(s), please disclose it on Schedule B supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page.
- -Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a federal candidate for "Primary & General" (pertinent portion attached). However, you do not specify the amounts which should be attributed to each respective election. Please amend your report to provide clarifying information.

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-Commission records indicate the name of your political committee as the Georgia Federal Elections Committee. However, your committee files reports in the name of the Democratic Party of Georgia. While committees may use commonly recognized abbreviations on daily communications (letterhead and committee checks), committee filings (disclosure reports and amendments) must reflect the official name of the connected organization, as well as any abbreviation within its title. 2 U.S.C. §432(e)(5). Please amend your report(s) to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedules H2 and H4 of your report discloses activity which is 100% non-federal. For future reporting, please be advised that any activity which is financed entirely by the federal account (including administrative expenses), should be reported on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b). 11 CFR §106.5

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Alice Kang

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